



Brian J. Persons
Executive Director
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Mr. Persons began his professional career at NAVSEA as a GS-7 Naval Architect in the Design Division at Long Beach Naval Shipyard. There he worked on numerous surface ship overhauls including the reactivation of the battleships USS NEW JERSEY (BB 62) and USS MISSOURI (BB 63), restoration repairs to the missile damaged USS STARK (FFG 31) and was a member of the voyage repair team sent to the Persian Gulf to assess and repair the mine-damaged USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS (FFG 58).

In 1989, Mr. Persons was selected to the NAVSEA Commander's Development Program and performed various developmental rotational assignments and training opportunities that culminated in his selection as Director of Maintenance and Modernization for the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development, and Acquisition.

In 1996, Mr. Persons returned to NAVSEA as Assistant Program Manager for CVN 77 and was subsequently selected to be the first Deputy Program Manager for the Future Aircraft Carrier Program Office (PMS 378). In 2000, he was appointed to the Senior Executive Service and selected as Executive Director for the Program Executive Office, Aircraft Carriers. He was the Senior Civilian Official responsible and accountable for a program portfolio of \$40B and all aspects of future aircraft carrier platform development and material combat readiness of in-service aircraft carrier fleet for the U.S. Navy.

In 2006, Mr. Persons was selected as Executive Director for Naval Systems Engineering Directorate at NAVSEA where he was the Senior Civilian Chief Engineer and Chief Technology Officer. He was responsible for implementing technical authority for all research, development, technology transition, design, engineering and certification efforts for surface ships, submarines, and aircraft carriers and their sub-systems of the United States Navy. He was also leader of the Research and Systems Engineering Competency where he was responsible for developing and maintaining standards, processes, policies, workload forecasting, and career management guidance for a national workforce of over 20,000 scientists and engineers.

In 2009, Mr. Persons was selected as Executive Director of NAVSEA. He is the senior civilian of the Navy's largest Systems Command with direct responsibility for a professional and industrial workforce of over 53,000 and an annual operating budget of \$30B. He serves as acquisition executive for all acquisition programs managed by NAVSEA.

Mr. Persons earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in June 1981 from Michigan State University and a Master of Science Degree in Technology Management from University of Maryland in May 1993. He is DAWIA Level III certified in Program Management and was awarded a Lean Six Sigma Green Belt from Virginia Polytechnic University. He has received numerous awards over his careers that include two Navy Superior Civilian Service Medals, the Senior Executive Service Meritorious Presidential Rank Award in 2004, and the Senior Executive Distinguished Presidential Rank Award in 2008.

